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SUBJECT: JUNE 2 MEDIA COMMENT ON RHODESIAN INCURSIONS INTO
MOZAMBIQUE

DAILY NOTICIAS CARRIED FIVE-COLUMN FRONTPAGE STORY
ON RHODESIAN RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE AND INTERNATIONAL RE-
ACTIONS THERETO. IN ARTICLE HEADLINED "RHODESIAN AG-
GRESSION IN OUR COUNTRY CONDEMNED INTERNATIONALLY",
FOLLOWING ITEMS APPEAR:

---A STATEMENT BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ESTADO-MAIOR-
GENERAL (ARMY HQS) THAT ENEMY ACTION IS NOW LIMITED TO
AERIAL BOMBARDMENT OF RAILWAY STATIONS, FARMS, SCHOOLS,
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AND POPULATION CENTERS IN THE AREA. HE NOTED THAT THE
PRESENT INCURSION STARTED ON MAY 29 WHEN RHODESIAN FORCES
ATTACKED CHITANGA AND CHICUALACUALA. HAVING BEEN REPULSED,
THEY MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH DESERTED TERRITORY ALONG THE
NUANETSE RIVER TO MAPAI, WHERE THEY ENTERED INTO COMBAT
WITH PFLM (MOZAMBIQUE ARMY) ELEMENTS STATIONED THERE.
IN TETE PROVINCE, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE SITUA-

TION IS COMPLETELY UNDER CONTROL, WITH THE FPLM NOW CAP-
TURING ELEMENTS OF THE RACIST RHODESIANS FLEEING TO
RHODESIA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CURRENT MILITARY AC-
TIONS BY SMITH ARE DESIGNED TO RAISE HIS TROOPS' MORALE
AND TO ATTEMPT TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE CONFLICT.
--A STATEMENT BY UNSYG KURT WALDHEIM CONDEMNING
THE RHODESIAN INCURSION AND DECLARING IT A THREAT TO ALL
OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL
OF RHODESIAN FORCES. WALDHEIM NOTED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED
BY UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN OF MEASURES TAKEN BY THE
UK TO ASSURE AND END TO THESE AGGRESSIVE ACTS, BUT DE-
CLINED TO GIVE DETAILS. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT RHODESIAN AT-
TACK WAS "A FLAGRANT DISRESPECT" OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
UN CHARTER, AND STATED HE WAS "PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED WITH
THE GRAVITY AND DIMENSION" OF THE LATEST ATTACKS WHICH
VIOLATE MOZAMBIKAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND HAVE DANGER-
OUS CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.
---A UK FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT IN WHICH FOREIGN
SECRETARY OWEN AFFIRMS THAT THE INVASION OF MOZAMBIKAN
TERRITORY IS A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE REGION.
--A STATEMENT BY A UK FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN
NOTING THAT DR. OWEN HAD SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE "IN
SEVERE TERMS TO THE HEAD OF THE ILLEGAL SALISBURY REGIME.
--A STATEMENT BY TED ROWLANDS CONDEMNING THE AGGRES-
SION AND NOTING IT WILL ENDANGER THE DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS
ALREADY MADE ON RHODESIA.
--- A STATEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HODDING
CARTER NOTING THAT USG HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO SMITH OP-
POSING THE INVASION AND DEMANDING THAT THE INVADING RHODE-
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SIAN TROOPS WITHDRAW FROM MOZAMBIQUE. THE MESSAGE WAS DE-
LIVERED TO SMITH "THROUGH OTHER PARTIES", PROBABLY SOUTH
AFRICA.
-- A COMMENT BY JOHN TRATTNER, A SPOKESMAN FOR
SECSTATE VANCE, NOTING THAT "WE MADE KNOWN TO THE RHODES-
SIANS THAT WE DISAPPROVE OF THEIR MILITARY CROSS-BORDER
ACTIONS."
---GENERAL COMMENT NOTING THAT U.S. AND UK GOVERN-
MENTS ARE "APPREHENSIVE" ABOUT THE SITUATION AND THAT THIS
DESPERATE ACTION BY THE SMITH REGIME WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE
EFFECT ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
---EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM THE TANZANIAN DAILY NEWS
ATTACKING THE RHODESIAN INCURSIONS AND CALLING FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTIONS CLOSING RHODESIAN
TOURIST AND INFORMATION OFFICES AND AIR LINKS.
--QUOTES FROM ROMANIAN DAILY SCINTEIA CONDEMNING
THE RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AND EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH THE
MOZAMBIKANS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
--A STATEMENT BY LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO

CONDEMNING THE ATTACK AND CALLING FOR ALL NATIONS TO
"EXPEL FROM ZIMBABWE THE SMITH REGIME." DE PREE

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